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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 8, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street. GEORGE STREET, 80, Cornhill. GORDON & GOTTCH, Ludgate Circus. E. C. BATES, HENDY & Co., 4, Old Jewry. E. C. BAKER, DEACON & Co., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street. NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 133, Nassau Street. AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTTCH, Melbourne and Sydney. SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally.—BANK & BLACK, San Francisco. CHINA.—Sutton, QUELON & CAMPBELL, Amoy. WILSON, NICHOLS & Co., Foochow. HEDDER & Co., Shanghai. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and KELLY & WALSH, Manila, C. HENDERSON & Co., Macao, L. A. DA GRAGA.

Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, \$600,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—H. HOFFMANN, Esq. Deputy Chairman—F. D. SASSOON, Esq. E. R. BELLING, Esq. WILHELM REINHARDT, Esq. W. H. FORBES, Esq. ED. THOMAS, Esq. H. W. KESWICK, Esq. A. MEYER, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong, .. THOMAS JACKSON, Esq. Manager. Shanghai, .. EWER CAMERON, Esq. LONDON BRANCH—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of one per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East. Hongkong, March 29, 1876.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA & CHINA.

CAPITAL, £800,000. RESERVE FUND, £110,000.

BANKERS.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH IN HONGKONG grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange; and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

Local Bills discounted, and interest allowed on Current Accounts and on Deposits for fixed periods on terms which may be ascertained on application.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

MONDAY.

the 11th June, 1877, (or Private Sale before the Day of Sale), at 2 p.m.,—

The well-known Tavern called the "STAR TAVERN," situated in Queen's Road West, No. 200, with FURNITURE, FIXTURES, LIQUORS, &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.1.7.

J. M. GUEDES, Jr., Auctioneer. Hongkong, May 28, 1877. jell

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from H. M. Naval Store-keeper, to sell by Public Auction, on

WEDNESDAY.

the 13th day of June, 1877, at 11 o'clock a.m., at H. M. NAVAL YARD,—

SUNDY CONDEMNED NAVAL and VICTUALLING STORES, and PROVISIONS.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.

All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Government Auctioneer. Hongkong, June 2, 1877. jell

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

OF ENGLISH AND COLONIAL-MADE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, AND A SPLENDID GRAND CONCERT PIANO.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY.

the 16th day of June, 1877, at 2 p.m., at No. 5, Chancery Lane,—

The whole of the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE of a Gentleman leaving the Colony, Consisting of: English-made Covered Couches and Chairs, Drawing-room Marble-top Centre and Side Tables, Engravings, Curtains.

Dining Table, Whatnots, Side Boards, Chairs, Dinner and Dessert Services, Plated and Glass-ware, Bedsteads, Wardrobes, Chest of Drawers, Marble-top Washstands, Toilet Tables and Glasses, Cheval Glass, &c., &c.

A Grand Concert PIANO, in splendid condition, by COLLARD & COLLARD, late the Property of the "City Hall."

See Catalogues.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.

All Lots with all faults and errors of description, at Purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. GUEDES, Jr., Auctioneer. Hongkong, June 4, 1877. jell

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

THE IRON SCREW STEAMER "ALBANY."

THE above Steamer was built in Glasgow in 1872 by Messrs DOBBS & Co., under special survey of LLOYD'S, and Her MACHINERY and BOILER were made by Messrs JAMES HENDERSON & Co., under special inspection. She was constructed to carry a large Cargo on a light draft of water and is well adapted for the Philippine, China, or Japan trade. She underwent general repairs in 1876, when new SAILS, RIGGING, and a complete outfit were supplied by the HONGKONG and WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, and in March of the present year her Engines and Boiler were thoroughly overhauled.

DIMENSIONS.—Length between Perpendiculars, 170 feet. Beam, 26 feet 3 inches. Depth of Hold from Ceiling to Main Deck, 9 feet 5 inches. Height from Main Deck to under side of Aft Deck, 7 feet 4 inches.

GROSS TONNAGE.—550 Tons.

CLASS.—Built to Class 100 A at Lloyd's.

RIG.—Brig Rigged.

CARGO CAPACITY.—About 8,000 piculs, or 625 tons Measurement (40 feet).

DRAFT.—Light 9 feet. Loaded 12½ feet.

SPEED.—Eight knots on consumption of 8½ to 9 tons of coals per 24 hours.

BUNKER CAPACITY.—75 tons coals.

CABIN.—Under Aft Deck aft; saloon, pantry and five state rooms, with accommodation for 12 first-class passengers.

MACHINERY.

ENGINE.—A pair of Howdon's patent High and Low pressure Engines of 30 Horse Power nominal; High Pressure Cylinder 25 inches, and Low Pressure Cylinder 46 inches in diameter. Stroke 30 inches.

PROPELLER.—Bessmer Steel of 4 Blades, with One Spare Set of Blades.

WINCH.—One Steam Winch with Donkey Boiler on Deck.

BOILER.—One Horizontal Tubular Boiler 11 feet diameter, with 3 Furnaces, tested for a working pressure of 60 pounds.

FOR SALE.

A MARINE ENGINE of 20 Horse Power Nominal, High and Low Pressure, with Extra Surface Condenser and Tubular Boiler. Consumption, 9 Tons per 24 Hours.

The Engine is quite new; was manufactured by Messrs Matthew Paul & Co., Dumbarton, and is now deposited in the Godown of the late firm of Russell & Sturges, Manila.

Particulars may be obtained on application to

MORRIS & RAY.

Hongkong, March 29, 1877.

FOR SALE.

CUTLER, PALMER & Co.'s Celebrated Brands of WINES and SPIRITS.

Apply to SIEMSEN & Co. Hongkong, June 22, 1876.

NOW READY.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT. Part I, A to K, with Introduction. Royal 8vo, pp. 202.—By ERNEST JOHN EITEL, Ph.D. Tübingen.

Price: Two Dollars and a Half.

To be had from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs KELLY & WALSH, Shanghai.

Hongkong, February 8, 1877.

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have just Received an Invoice of

COPE, BROTHERS & Co.'s TOBACCOES and CIGARETTES.

COPE'S GOLDEN CLOUD.

COPE'S BRISTOL BIRD'S EYE.

COPE'S SMOKING MIXTURE.

COPE'S PEERLESS CIGARETTES.

COPE'S BOUQUET CIGARETTES.

COPE'S FAIRY CIGARETTES.

COPE'S FANCY BRILLIANTS.

COPE'S WHIFFS.

Hongkong, May 25, 1877. jell

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. having been Appointed SOLE AGENTS in HONGKONG for the well-known Firm of Messrs M. B. FOSTER & SONS, (CHIEF AGENTS in ENGLAND for Messrs BASS & Co.,) are prepared to Supply

ALE and STOUT of their Bottling at \$8 per Case of 3 doz. quarts, and \$10.50 per Case of 6 doz. pints.

The Superior Quality of this BEER is undoubted, and L. C. & Co. confidently recommend it.

Hongkong, May 28, 1877. jell

FOR SALE.

HENRIOT & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE, Carte Blanche "Dry."

TH. ROEDERER & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE, Carte Blanche.

JOHN DURAND & Co.'s CLARETS and WHITE WINES.

STARBUCK & KENTISH'S PORTS and SHERRIES.

MOUTON & Co.'s COGNACS, 1, 2, 3 Stars.

BLANCHY FRERES & Co.'s COGNACS.

JUSTUS LEMBKE & Co. Hongkong, April 9, 1877. jell

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has been Appointed AGENT at this Port for THE PORTFOLIO GOVERNMENT SECURITY LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED).

W. H. NOTLEY.

Hongkong, June 6, 1877.

NOTICE.

FROM This Date Mr EDWARD SHEPPARD and Mr M. W. GREIG, are authorized to Sign the name of our Firm per Procuration at Foochow, and Mr F. F. ELWELL at Amoy.

RUSSELL & Co. China, June 1, 1877. del

NOTICE.

MR. WILHELM CARL ENGELBRECHT von PUSTAU, Junior, and MR. CONRAD MUNROE DONNER, have been admitted Partners in our Firm from the First of January, 1877.

WM. PUSTAU & Co., Hongkong, Canton, Shanghai. jell

NOTICE.

MR. EDWARD BURNIE will Conduct the BUSINESS of my OFFICE, during my Temporary Absence from the Colony.

R. H. CAIRNS, Surveyor to Local Offices, and Lloyd's Register of Shipping. 2, Club Chambers, Hongkong, March 17, 1877. se18

NOTICE.

ON and after the 16th day of November, 1876, and until further notice, the BUSINESS of the above-named DISPENSARY will be carried on by the Undersigned.

WM. CRUICKSHANK, Manager. Hongkong, November 21, 1876.

Intimations.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1876.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Office are requested to Furnish the Undersigned with a List of their Contribution for the Year ending 31st December, 1876, in order that the distribution of the Net Profit reserved for Contributors may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st August next, will be adjusted by the Office, and no Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents. Hongkong, May 1, 1877. se1

Intimations.

A THOROUGH CORRESPONDENT and ARITHMETICIAN Desires an ENGAGEMENT.

"Activity," care of this Office. Hongkong, May 28, 1877.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.

A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING of the above mentioned CLUB, will be held at THE BOAT HOUSE, on MONDAY Next, 11th Instant, at 6 p.m.

DUDDLEY C. TRAVERS, Hon. Secy., V. R. C. Hongkong, June 7, 1877. jell

PIANOS, Etc.

TUNED AND REPAIRED, BY A. HAHN.

Care of Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., or Messrs CHAS. J. GAUFF & Co. Hongkong, June 8, 1877. jell

NOTICE.

THE BANKRUPTCY ACT 1869.

In the AMOY COURT of Bankruptcy holden at AMOY, FRIDAY, 1st June, 1877.

In the matter of proceedings for Liquidation by arrangement or composition with Creditors instituted by JOHN THOMAS ALBERT ALEXANDER, of Amoy.

NOTICE is hereby given that a First General MEETING of the above-named Person has been summoned to be held at the Office of Her Majesty's Consul, Amoy, on the Twentieth Day of June, at Two o'clock in the Afternoon precisely.

GEO. PHILLIPS, Registrar. Dated at Amoy, this, Second day of June, 1877. jell

THE UNION MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Undersigned having been Appointed AGENTS of the above Company at HONGKONG and FOOCHOW, are prepared to accept Risks and Issue Policies by any First-Class Steamers, at current rates, payable either here, in LONDON, in LIVERPOOL, or at the principal Ports of INDIA and the EAST.

BIRLEY & Co., Agents. Hongkong, May 21, 1877. au22

DENTAL NOTICE.

ON and after the 28th of May, Dr. STOUT'S Consulting and Operative ROOMS will be on the Ground Floor of the HOTEL DE L'UNIVERS.

Hongkong, May 26, 1877.

THE "FIFESHIRE."

WITH Reference to the Notice Dated the 1st Instant, purporting to be Signed by ROBERT GREIG, I hereby give Notice that I am the lawfully appointed, and legally constituted Master of the above Vessel, and that I have never been displaced from my command nor done any act rendering myself liable to be so displaced, and that I repudiate and deny the right of the said ROBERT GREIG to give such notice. He, GREIG, is Master of the Ship *Hannah Law*, which does not belong to the same Owners as the *Fifeshire*, and had no authority for publishing such notice. All Debts due in respect of the *Fifeshire* will be duly discharged by me, and I caution the public from being misled by the unauthorized and wholly unwarranted Notice in question, which so far from protecting the Owners of the *Fifeshire* is calculated to prejudice their interests.

Hongkong, 4th day of June, 1877.

M. E. NESS, Master of the British Ship *Fifeshire*.

W. BALL, CHINA DISPENSARY.

IMPORTER OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS, DRUGGISTS' Sundries, TOILET REQUISITES, PATENT MEDICINES AND PERFUMES.

Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness, and Prompt Attention.

PRAYA WEST, HONGKONG, Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf. Hongkong, July 13, 1876.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR AMOY. The Steamship "EMU," Captain F. BLANCO, will be dispatched for the above Port on or about the 10th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to POOK MOW LOONG & Co. Hongkong, June 4, 1877. jell

FOR SAIGON.

The British Steamer "MACREGOR," Captain NEWELL, will be dispatched for the above Port on TUESDAY Next, the 13th Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to AH YON. Hongkong, June 8, 1877. jell

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG, VIA PORTS OF CALL.

The German Steamship "FERONIA,"

SWULT, Master, will be dispatched as above on or about the 13th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to Wm. PUSTAU & Co., Agents S. S. Feronia. Hongkong, June 4, 1877.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "TIBRE,"

Comdt. DE GIARD, will be dispatched for YOKOHAMA shortly after the arrival of the next French Mail.

H. DU POUEY, Agent. Hongkong, June 7, 1877.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "BOOGLY,"

Comdt. DE LA MARCELLE, will be dispatched for SHANGHAI shortly after her arrival from Europe.

H. DU POUEY, Agent. Hongkong, June 7, 1877.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & TAIWANFOO.

The British Steamer "HOLYROOD,"

will have immediate despatch for the above Ports.

For Freight or Passage, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, June 7, 1877.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 British Ship "HANNAH LAW,"

ROBERT GREIG, Master, will load here, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, June 2, 1877.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The A 1 British Clipper Ship "GRYFE,"

T. ROBERTS, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, June 2, 1877.

FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 American Ship "HIGHLANDER,"

HUTCHINSON, Master, will load here and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, May 24, 1877.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The A 1 British Ship "MADURA,"

STANTON, Master, will load here and will have immediate despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, May 18, 1877.

FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 American Ship "THOMAS LORD,"

SHALL, Master, will load here and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, April 28, 1877.

FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 American Ship "NEW ERA,"

SAYER, Master, will load here and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, April 27, 1877.

INSURANCES.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.

JAS. B. COUGHRAN, Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—Two Millions Sterling.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Goods in Mats, on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions. Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to \$1000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to ARNOLD, KARRBERG & Co. Agents Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

MELOHERS & Co., Agents, Royal Insurance Company.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED.)

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on Marine Risks to all parts of the World. In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two Thirds of the Profits are distributed annually to Contributors, whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of Premium contributed by each, the remaining Third being carried to Reserve Fund.

OLYMPHANT & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, April 17, 1873.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at current local rates, subject to a Discount of 20% on the Premium.

NORTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1809.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, AGENTS at Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent of \$10,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same, at the usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20 per cent.

GILMAN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1876.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER

of His Majesty King George The First, A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows—

Marine Department.

Policies at current rates payable either here, in London or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding \$5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co., Hongkong, July 25, 1877.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned Agents are in receipt of instructions from the Board of Directors authorizing them to issue Policies to the extent of \$10,000 on any one first class risk, or to the extent of \$15,000 on adjoining risks at current rates.

A Discount of 20% allowed.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co., Hongkong, January 5, 1876.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co., Hongkong, October 14, 1869.

INSURANCES.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL TAKES 400,000, EQUAL TO \$555,555.10.

Directors.

LEE SING, of the Lai Fing Firm.

SEAN SHING LAM, of the Lai Yuen Firm.

WONG YIK PUN, of the Chun Cheong Wing Hong.

LOO YEE, of the Yee On Firm.

FONG SOY FUNG, of the Tung Sang Wo Hong.

WONG PAK CHEONG, of the San Tye Lee Hong.

PUN PONG, of the Wy Sing Firm.

Manager—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS on Goods, etc., taken at CURRENT RATES to AUSTRALIA, CALIFORNIA, MANILA, SINGAPORE, SAIGON, PENANG, and to all the TREATY PORTS of China and Japan.

HEAD OFFICE, 48, Bonham Strand.

Hongkong, June 1, 1877.

Mails.

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer ALASKA, will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on FRIDAY, the 15th June, 1877, at 3 p.m., taking Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading are issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, and to New York and Europe via OVERLAND RAILWAYS.

A Steamer of the Mitsui Bishi S. S. Company will leave Shanghai, via the Inland Sea, about same date, and make close connection at Yokohama.

At New York, Passengers have selection of various lines of Steamers to England, France and Germany.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m., 14th June. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages, should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland Cargo should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For security's sake, Shippers of Overland Cargo are requested to endorse on the Envelope the Marks and Nos. of Packages Shipped, to correspond with those in their Bills of Lading.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 9, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 28, 1877.



STEAM FOR

Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle, Aden, Suez, Malta, Marseilles, and Southampton.

Also, Bombay, Madras, and Calcutta.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship KASHGAR, Captain BAKER, will leave this on SATURDAY, the 16th June, at Noon.

For further Particulars, apply to A. LIND, Superintendent.

Hongkong, June 4, 1877.

Occidental & Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CENTRAL

and UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING RAILROAD COMPANIES

AND ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. "BELGIO" will be despatched for San Francisco via Yokohama, on TUESDAY, the 19th June, at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for Japan, the United States and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the 18th Proximo. PARCEL PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Return Passage Tickets available for 6 months are issued at a reduction of 20 per cent. on regular rates.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, May 31, 1877.

WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)

WASHMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office—Price, \$1 each.

CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

To Let.

TO LET.

THE Dwelling House and Office No. 1, D'Almeida Street, in the occupation of Messrs DOUGLAS LA PRAT & Co. The Dwelling House No. 1, Alexandra Terrace. Possession from the 1st June next.

The Dwelling House No. 6, Gough Street. Possession from the 1st July next.

Apply to DOUGLAS LA PRAT & Co. Hongkong, May 16, 1877.

TO LET.

HOUSE No. 10, Albany Road, at present occupied by the Rev. R. H. Kim. Bland Villa, Pok-foo-lum, Furnished. DAVID SASSOON, SOHN & Co. Hongkong, February 15, 1877.

TO BE LET.

THE Premises No. 39, Queen's Road, late in the occupation of THE BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED.

Apply to TURNER & Co. Hongkong, May 10, 1877.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

LONDON & ORIENTAL STEAM TRANSIT INSURANCE CO.

THE BUSINESS of this Company has This Day been Transferred to THE MARINE INSURANCE CO., of 20, Old Broad Street, LONDON.

By Order of the Proprietors, WILLIAM HUNT, Secretary.

187, Leadenhall Street, LONDON, 1st January, 1877.

THE MARINE INSURANCE CO. 20, Old Broad Street, LONDON, 1st January, 1877.

ESTABLISHED 1836. CAPITAL £1,000,000 STERLING. RESERVE FUND £240,000.

WITH Reference to the foregoing Advertisement THE MARINE INSURANCE CO. has This Day taken over the Business of the LONDON & ORIENTAL STEAM TRANSIT CO., and has Appointed Mr. A. McIVER as its AGENT in HONGKONG.

By Order of the Board of Directors, ROBERT J. LODGE, Manager.

THE Undersigned is prepared to Accept Risks and issue Policies on behalf of the MARINE INSURANCE CO. by any First Class Steamer.

A. McIVER, Agent of the Marine Insurance Co. of London.

Hongkong, February 16, 1877.

NOW READY.

FRING-SHUI, or, THE FUNDAMENTALS OF NATURAL SCIENCE IN CHINA. By Dr. E. J. RITTEL. One Volume. 8vo. Price, \$1.50.

BUDDHISM, ITS HISTORY, THEORY AND POPULAR BELIEFS. In three Lectures. By Dr. E. J. RITTEL. Second Edition. One Volume. 8vo. Price, \$1.50.

Orders will be received by Messrs Lane, Crawford & Co. Hongkong, July 31, 1877.

AFONG,

PHOTOGRAPHER, by appointment, to H. E. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY, GOVERNOR OF HONGKONG;

and to H. I. E. THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS OF RUSSIA.

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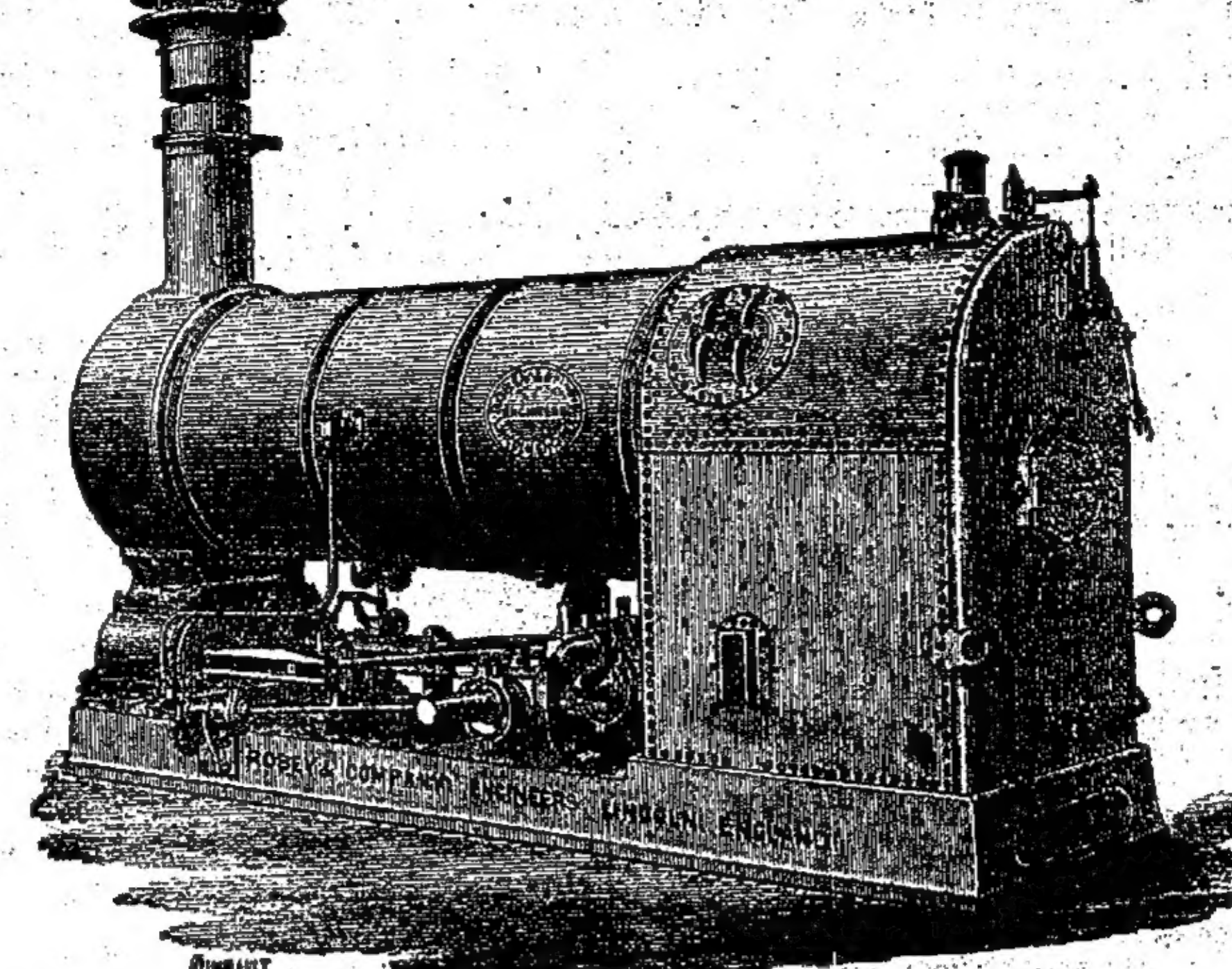
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POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUZ, ISMAILA, PORT SAID, NAPLES,
AND MARSEILLES;
ALSO,
PONDICHERY, MADRAS, AND
CALCUTTA.

ON SATURDAY, the 23rd June, 1877, at Noon, the Company's S. S. *AMAZON*, Commandant MONTMAYRAT, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIES, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Species will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping orders will be granted till noon, Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Species and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 23rd June, 1877. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

H. DE FOUEY,
Agent.

Hongkong, June 9, 1877. j620

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

ROMINA, American 3-m. schooner, Capt. C. W. Hansen.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
TULOUCHOU, British 10-m. schooner, Captain Mason.—Wieler & Co.
HANNAH LAW, British ship, Captain R. (Steig)—P. & O. S. N. Co.
Vesta, German barque, Captain H. Dirks.—Melchers & Co.
HANNAH & MARY, British barque, Capt. A. Smith.—Order.
FORMOSA, German barque, Captain Schreier.—Melchers & Co.
BARBARA TAYLOR, British schooner, Captain John Taylor.—McEwen, Fricke & Co.
HIBERNIA, British brig, Capt. T. A. Koch.—Landstein & Co.
ECHO, British barque, Captain Tozer.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
BOY, Henderson, British barque, Capt. John J. Gunn.—Yogel, Hagedorn & Co.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

June 9, *Emeralda*, British steamer, 395, E. Thebaud, Manila June 6, General.—A. MACG. HEATON.
June 9, *Robt. Henderson*, British barque, 558, John J. Gunn, Barry Port (S.W.) Feb. 4, Coal.—VOGEL, Hagedorn & Co.
June 9, *Mayenne*, Annamite gun-boat, M. Letreire, Lourive (Annam) June 5.
June 9, *Televan Family*, British scho., 198, R. Brown, Saigon June 2, Salt and Rice.—CHINESE.
June 9, *Pasig*, Spanish steamer, 106, Yauvieter, Manila June 6, General.—REMEDIOS & Co.
June 9, *Norna*, British steamer, 606, A. G. Walker, Swatow June 8, General.—KWOX ACHONG.
June 9, *Yesso*, British steamer, 559, Ashton, Foochow June 6, Amoy 7, and Swatow 8, General.—DOUGLAS LAFARRE & Co.
June 9, *J. D. Peters*, American barque, 1085, Ernest Lane, Cardiff Feb. 8, Coal.—P. & O. S. N. Co.
June 9, *Antioch*, American barque, 988, H. J. Hammingway, Manila May 30, Ballast.—RUSSELL & Co.
June 9, *State of Louisiana*, British steamer, 1216, D. Johnston, Saigon June 5, Rice.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

DEPARTURES.

June 8, *Glenyle*, for Shanghai.
9, *Caura*, for Manila.
9, *Gamara*, for Foochow.
9, *Delta*, for Foochow.
9, *Ava*, for Marseilles, &c.
9, *Ningpo*, for Shanghai.
9, *Presio*, for Macao.
9, *Sun Kee*, for Canton.
9, *Adala*, for Keelung.
9, *Chao*, for Canton.

CLEARED.

Carricks, for London.
Bertha, for Comcong (Cochin China).
Namoa, for Swatow, &c.
Neutley, for Melbourne and Sydney.
Formosa, for Newchwang.
Emeralda, for Amoy.
Hannah & Mary, for Falmouth.
Christian, for Chefoo.
Aline, for Keelung.
Pernambuco, for Saigon.
Hope, for Kobe.
Western Chief, for Manila.
Lydia, for Foochow.
Chamron Kamreid, for Bangkok.
Auguste, for Newchwang.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.
Per *Emeralda*, from Manila, Messrs F. de Pola and F. Pelago, and 846 Chinese deck.
Per *Yesso*, from Coast Ports, Captain Vincent, Mr North, 1 European and 60 Chinese deck.
Per *Pasig*, from Manila, one European and Sundry Chinese.
Per *Norna*, from Swatow, 400 Chinese.
Per *State of Louisiana*, from Saigon, 19 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per *Ava*, for Saigon, Revd. Pugnet; for Galle, Mr E. D. Jones; for Marseilles, Revd. Marcusot, Messrs Balton, Bruce, Abano dos Neves, Coglian, Van Eotveld, Aline, and brother, and Emma.—From Shanghai: for Saigon, Mr A. Spooner; for Marseilles, Revd. Mr and Mrs Stolt, and Mr H. Kraus.
Per *Glenyle*, for Shanghai, 2 Europeans.
Per *Ningpo*, for Shanghai, 2 Europeans and 80 Chinese.

TO DEPART.

Per *Bertha*, for Comcong, 1 Chinese.
Per *Namoa*, for Coast Ports, 3 Europeans, and 200 Chinese.
Per *Formosa*, for Newchwang, 1 Chinese.
Per *Emeralda*, for Amoy, 360 Chinese.
Per *Chamron Kamreid*, for Bangkok, 2 Chinese.
Per *Auguste*, for Newchwang, 2 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Emeralda* reports: First part variable breezes, latter part moderate S.W. monsoon and fine weather. The American barque *J. D. Peters* reports: Light winds the entire passage. The British steamer *Norna* reports: Variable winds from the South and S.W., and fine weather throughout. The British steamer *State of Louisiana* reports: Leaving Cape St. James had N.E. winds for 24 hours, then moderate S.E. and southerly winds with fine clear weather and smooth water. Passed several steamers bound South. The British steamer *Yesso* reports: Moderate monsoon and overcast and showery. In Foochow:—Str. *Ajao*, *Glenyle*, *Viking*, *Fleur Castle*, *Penguin*, *Bowen* and *Killarney*. S. S. *Benary* left on 3rd June. In Swatow:—Str. *Foochow*, *Yangtze*, *Hwai Yuen*, *Hochung*, *Howsang*, *Feronia*, H. M. S. *Nassau*, and U. S. S. *Ashuelot*. Passed H. M. S. *Hornet* bound into Swatow.

The British barque *Robt. Henderson* reports: Sailed from Oudly Roads 4th Feb. and had strong Westerly gales in Channel, which was not cleared until 18th Feb. Then moderate N.E. trades to 5.30 N. and from there to the Equator calm and heavy rain. Crossed the Equator 16th March and had light variable S.E. trades. Passed Meridian of Cape 17th April, had strong North-easterly and N.E. gales with a high sea to St. Paul's which was sighted 3rd May, found the S.E. trades for to the Eastward and passed Anjer 21st May. Through the Java and China seas had light Southerly winds and calm. Spoke no vessels during the passage, but saw a wreck on Tower's Island to the Eastward of Java Head, her mizen-mast standing, and also her bowsprit and jibboom with gear hanging about it.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—

For STRAITS SETTLEMENTS AND CALCUTTA.—
Per *ARIZONA* and *JAPAN*, at 2.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 16th inst.

MAILS BY THE TORRES STRAITS PACKET.

The Contract Packet *JAPAN*, will be despatched from Hongkong on SATURDAY, the 16th inst., with Mails for Singapore, Somerset, Cooktown, Cleveland Bay, Bowen, Keppel Bay, Brisbane, Sydney, Tasmania, New Zealand, and Melbourne.
Correspondence cannot be Registered after 2.15 p.m.
The Mails will be closed at 2.30 p.m.
Correspondence for Southern Australia can be sent by this route if desired, but as a general rule it is better to send it via Galle.

Hongkong, June 8, 1877. j610

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.—
The English Contract Packet *KASHGAR* will be despatched with the Mails for Europe, &c., on SATURDAY, the 16th June.
The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—
Friday, 15th June.—
5 p.m., Money Order Office closes.
6 p.m., Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.
Saturday, 16th June.—
7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.
10 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late Letters. Registry of Letters ceases.
10.15 a.m., Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 18 cents extra to Postage till.

11 a.m., when the Post Office Closes entirely.
11.30 a.m., Letters (but Letters only, addressed to the United Kingdom, via Brindisi or to Singapore, may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage, till.

11.50 a.m., when the Mail is finally closed.
Hongkong, June 4, 1877. j610

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet *BELEGIO* will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 19th June, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, the United States, and London, which will be closed as follows:—
2 p.m., Registry of Letters ceases.
2.30 p.m., Correspondence for Japan or the United States only may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 12 cents extra Postage until.
2.50 p.m., when the Mail is finally closed. Correspondence must be specially directed for this route, and if not fully prepaid will be sent by British Packet.
Hongkong, May 31, 1877. j610

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.

The French Contract Packet *AMAZONE*, will be despatched from Hongkong on SATURDAY, the 23rd instant, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Marseilles; to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Galle, Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Suez, and Alexandria.
The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—
Friday, 22nd instant.—
5 p.m., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.
Saturday, 23rd instant.—
7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.
10 a.m., Registry of Letters ceases.
11 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late Letters.
11.10 a.m., Letters (but Letters only) may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage, till.

11.30 a.m., when the Post Office Closes entirely.
Hongkong, June 9, 1877. j620

CARGO.

Per S. S. *Ava*, sailed 9th June, 1877:—
For Comcong, 386 bales Silk, 22 bales Waste Silk, 182 bales Cocoon, 19 cases Silks, 890 boxes Tea, and 410 pkgs. Sundries. For London, 352 bales Silk, 18 cases Silks, 10 cases Pongees, 91 bales Tobacco, 2,259 half chests and 13,756 boxes Tea, and 221 pkgs. Sundries.

General Memoranda.

TUESDAY, June 12:—
4 p.m.—*MacGregor* leaves for Saigon.

WEDNESDAY, June 13:—
11 a.m.—Sale of Sundries at Govt. Store. *Feronia* leaves for London and Hamburg on or about this date.

FRIDAY, June 15:—
Noon.—General Weekly Sale by Messrs Lane, Crawford & Co.
3 p.m.—*American Mail* leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

SATURDAY, June 16:—
Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.
2 p.m.—Sale of Household Furniture, at No. 5, Chancery Lane.
3 p.m.—*Argyll* leaves for Singapore, Penang and Calcutta.

3 p.m.—*Japan* leaves for Singapore, Penang and Calcutta.

TUESDAY, June 19:—
3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

SATURDAY, June 23:—
Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

St. John's Cathedral.—The Right Reverend Bishop Burdon: The Rev. E. Davis, Acting Colonial Chaplain. At 11 a.m., Morning Prayer, &c. At 4 p.m., Evening Prayer and Sermon.

Military Service.—Rev. J. Henderson, acting Military Chaplain. At 8 a.m., Morning Prayer, &c.

Union Church.—Minister, Rev. James Lamont. Morning Service, at 11 a.m. Afternoon, 6 p.m.

St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church.—Rev. J. Henderson. Service at 8 p.m., every Sunday. All seats free. Morning Prayer and Communion on the First Sunday in each month at 11 a.m.

St. Stephen's Mission Church.—Rev. A. B. Hutchinson, and Rev. Lo Sam Yuen. (All Services in Chinese.) Morning Prayer:—Liturgy, Ante-Communion, and Sermon, at 11 a.m. Bible Class, at 3 p.m. Preaching, at 6.30 p.m. Holy Communion, 1st Sunday in Chinese month.

BERLIN FOUNDLING HOUSE.—Service in the German language, by Pastor E. Klitzke, every Sunday, at half-past ten a.m., in the Chapel of the Berlin Foundling House, West Point.

Shipping.
Daylight.—*Emeralda* leaves for Amoy. *Amoy* leaves for Amoy on or about this date.

MEMOS. FOR MONDAY.

Auction.

2 p.m.—Sale of Goodwill, Furniture, Fixtures, Liquors, &c., of the "Star Tavern."

Meeting.
5 p.m.—Meeting of the Victoria Recreation Club at the Boat House.

Shipping.
Goods per *Glenyle* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

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Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

The publication of this issue commenced at 8.15 p.m.

DEATH.

At Restalrig House, Swatow, on 4th Inst., KATE ETHEL, youngest Daughter of T. W. Richardson.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 1877.

HIS EXCELLENCY, the Governor, has

doubtless by this time arrived at the conclusion that the community of Hongkong are exceedingly tender upon questions affecting the general welfare of the Colony, and, withal, rather conservative in regard to local laws and institutions. Up to the present moment, Mr. Hennessy, so far as we are aware, has taken no actual steps, upon any matters of public interest, that are deserving of much attention, excepting his interference with a sentence of the Chief Justice by placing his veto on the flogging ordered for a Chinaman, who had committed a burglary, with dastardly violence, shortly after being released from prison for a previous offence. There have been reports, more or less vague, of what His Excellency intends doing—the abolition of the night pass system, and important reforms at the Central School, for instance; while His Excellency is also said to have made certain remarks in the Gaol respecting the administration of justice in the Colony, which, if they were used under the circumstances, were most assuredly indiscreet. We now further hear that the Governor has expressed himself unable to support the scheme for the extension of the leases at Kowloon. With the exception referred to, however, all these matters are but reported intentions, and not acts, and His Excellency may be inclined to complain that his administration is being judged rather upon its shadows than its substantial appearances. This, no doubt, forms a just ground of complaint in one sense, still if the comparative uselessness of discussing the pros and cons of questions of this sort after they have been decided on by the Government be considered, it will be seen that the community and the press act by no means unwisely in discussing matters of public moment in which the Government is said to be merely contemplating action. The first practical indication we generally have of any legislation initiated by the Government is the introduction of a Bill, embodying its principles, into the Legislative Council, and every one knows there is far less difficulty in convincing any Government or party of the undesirability of a measure before it is drawn, than subsequently. Once legislation is taken in hand on any subject, its promoters become, to a greater or less extent, pledged to it and deaf to any arguments but those in its favour. In the present case the discussion of the various changes said to be contemplated at Government House must be of considerable service to Mr. Hennessy, whether these changes are really intended to be carried out or not, inasmuch as it will place him en rapport with the views and opinions of the community on these particular subjects, and the arguments and circumstances governing them. We believe it has been, and still is, the desire of the community to extend to Mr. Hennessy the great popularity and public esteem enjoyed by his predecessor, and no one can say of Sir Arthur Kennedy that he was not performed with ability, and with justice to the native as well as to the foreign population. The Chinese were probably the most demonstrative section of the community in their regard and esteem for Sir Arthur Kennedy at his departure; his justice and mercy were extolled in the most eloquent and appreciative of Chinese phrases, while, to crown all, they presented him with a marvellous umbrella, such as is only given to exceptionally honoured officials under exceptional circumstances. And yet, forsooth, rumours are now afloat

about of "crying inequalities and class legislation" that prevailed during the administration of the "good Sir Arthur." In regard to this question of class legislation, by the way, supposing we were ready to abolish night passes and place the natives in all matters on an equality with ourselves before the law, would the Chinese be prepared to conform to the English enactments forbidding bigamy and many other offences which would not be tolerated at Home? If the Chinese wish to be governed by exactly the same laws as foreigners, they must at least be prepared to submit to the same legislation as ourselves.

The fact that Mr. Hennessy has prevented a sentence of flogging from being carried out leaves little doubt that His Excellency is opposed to that system of punishment, and renders it extremely probable that an ordinance for its abolition will be shortly introduced into the Legislative Council. We believe it would be a mistake to abolish flogging here or in any other country. We believe that flogging is the true punishment for hardened and brutal offenders. There can be no doubt as to its deterrent power, and the only strong objection that seems to be urged against it is that it is degrading. It is said to have failed in the army—a circumstance that may be accounted for by one or two special reasons. When the soldier is flogged the stigma of the occurrence clings to him as long as he remains in the army; when the civilian is flogged, on the other hand, he has but to remove to fresh fields and pastures new and he becomes one of the most respectable and spotless members of the community. Our present system of constantly sending incorrigible offenders to prison simply amounts to this, that the Government takes care of and provides for the man, who of all others, are the least worthy of receiving gratuitous board and lodging. We would not have offenders flogged indiscriminately, but instead of maintaining hardened and brutal criminals for long terms of years at the expense of honest and respectable people, we would substitute more frequently than is done at present the lash for imprisonment, believing that the results would not only be advantageous to the community generally, but to the offenders themselves.

Lo Ying Kwong, a carpenter, was charged with assaulting one Ho Chui Fa, an inmate of a house of ill-fame by throwing a brick at her which injured her leg. The defendant was sent to 14 days' hard labour, and to give security in \$25 for three months to be of good behaviour.

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NOTICE.

THE CHINESE MAIL.

FROM and after the Chinese New Year's day (February 17, 1874) the Chinese Mail will be issued DAILY instead of twice weekly as heretofore. No change, however, will be made in the price of subscription, which will remain at \$4 per annum.

The charges for advertisements are now assimilated to those of the China Mail. The unusual success which has attended the Chinese Mail makes it an admirable medium for advertisements.

The Conductors guarantee an eventful circulation of one thousand copies. It is already the most influential native journal published, and enjoys considerable prestige at the Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Penang, Calcutta, San Francisco and Australia.

For terms, &c., address
Ma CHUN AYIN,
Manager.

China Mail Office,
17th February, 1874.

POSTAL RATES.

[Subjoined we give the postal rates now in force for transmission of correspondence to all parts of the world. Detailed rules affecting the transmission of packets, parcels, &c., will be found annexed, together with a number of miscellaneous and useful notices.]

Hongkong Rates of Postage.

(Revised April 1st, 1877.)

In the following Statements and Tables the Rates are given in cents, and are, for Letters, per half ounce, for Books and Patterns, per two ounces.

Newspapers over four ounces in weight are charged as double, treble, &c., as the case may be, but such papers or packets of papers may be sent at Book Rate. Two Newspapers must not be folded together as one, nor must any Supplement be inserted except book rate Supplements. Printed matter may, however, be enclosed, if the whole be paid at Book Rate. Prices Current may be paid either as Newspapers or Books.

N.R. means No Registration.

LOCAL AND TOWN POSTAGE.

Letters.	Registration.	Books & Patterns.	Per 2 oz.
Within any Town or Settlement, or between Hongkong, Canton, and Macao, in either direction,.....	2	2	2
Between any other two of the following places (through a British Office) viz.:—Hongkong, Macao, Ports of China and Japan, Bangkok, Saigon, and the Philippines, by Private Ship,.....	4	2	2
Between the above by Contract Mail,.....	8	2	4

Countries of the Postal Union.

The Union may be taken to comprise Europe, the United States, India (including Ceylon), the Straits, and Egypt, Labuan, Mauritius, Seychelles, Jamaica, Trinidad, British Guiana, and Bermuda, with all French and Spanish Colonies.

Countries not in the Union are the Australasian Group, British North America, Africa (except French and Spanish Colonies), South and Central America, and the West Indies (except Jamaica, Trinidad, and British Guiana).

Postage to Union Countries.

United Kingdom and Union Countries served through London:—

Letters.	Registration.	Books & Patterns.
By any other route,.....	12	12
By the direct route,.....	8	8
Newspapers,.....	4	4
Books and Patterns,.....	6	6

Other Union Countries:—

Letters.	Registration.	Books & Patterns.
.....	12	12
.....	8	8
Newspapers,.....	2	2
Books and Patterns,.....	4	4

Postage to Non-Union Countries.

W. Africa, Falkland Islands, Lagos, Gold Coast, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Gambia, Cape Verde Islands:—

Letters.	Registration.	Books & Patterns.
.....	26	22
.....	12	12
Newspapers,.....	6	6
Books and Patterns,.....	10	10

Canada, Vancouver's Island, Prince Edward's Island, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Honolulu (N.R.), and Hawaii (N.R.):—

Letters.	Registration.	Books & Patterns.
.....	20	16
.....	12	12
Newspapers,.....	6	6
Books and Patterns,.....	8	8

W. Indies, Buenos Ayres, Costa Rica, Colombia (U.S.), Guatemala, Grey Town, Hayti, La Guayra, Mexico, Monte Video, New Granada, Panama, Paraguay, Uruguay, and Venezuela:—

Letters.	Registration.	Books & Patterns.
.....	38	34
.....	12	12
Newspapers,.....	6	6
Books and Patterns,.....	10	10

Registration to Honduras, & British West Indies,.....

Letters.	Registration.	Books & Patterns.
.....	12	12
.....	8	8
Newspapers,.....	4	4
Books and Patterns,.....	6	6

Bolivia, Chili, Ecuador, and Peru:—

Letters.	Registration.	Books & Patterns.
.....	50	46
.....	8	8
Newspapers,.....	4	4
Books and Patterns,.....	12	12

Registration, None, None.

Brazil:—

Letters.	Registration.	Books & Patterns.
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Any publication fulfilling the conditions hereafter named can pass as a newspaper.

The conditions are as follows:—

1st. The publication must consist wholly or in great part of political or other news, or of articles relating thereto, or to other current topics, with or without advertisements.

2nd. It must be published in numbers at intervals of not more than 31 days, and must be printed on a sheet or sheets unattached.

3rd. The full title and date of publication must be printed at the top of the first page, and the whole or part of the title and date of publication at the top of every subsequent page; and this regulation applies to Tables of Contents and Indices.

4th. A supplement must consist wholly or in great part of matter like that of the newspaper, or of advertisements, printed on a sheet or sheets, or a piece or pieces of paper, unattached; or wholly or in part of engravings, prints, or lithographs illustrative of articles in the newspaper. The supplement must in every case be published with the newspaper, and must have the title and date of publication of the newspaper printed at the top of every page; or, if it consists of engravings, prints, or lithographs, at the top of every sheet or side.

A packet containing two or more newspapers is not chargeable with a higher rate of postage than would be chargeable on a book packet of the same weight.

A newspaper posted unpaid, or a packet of newspapers posted either unpaid or insufficiently paid, is treated as an unpaid or insufficiently paid book packet of the same weight.

The postage must be prepaid either by an adhesive stamp, or by the use of a stamped wrapper.

No newspaper can now be sent through the post a second time for the original postage. For each transmission a fresh postage is required.

Every newspaper must be posted either without a cover (in which case it must not be fastened, whether by means of gum, wafer, sealing wax, postage stamp, or otherwise) or in a cover entirely open at both ends, so as to admit of easy removal for examination. If this rule be infringed the newspaper is treated as a letter.

Every newspaper must be so folded, as to admit of the title being readily inspected.

A newspaper or packet of newspapers which contains any enclosure except supplements is charged as a letter, unless the enclosure be such as might be sent at the book rate of postage, and the entire packet be sufficiently prepaid as a book packet, in which case it is allowed to pass.

A newspaper which has any letter, or any communication of the nature of a letter, written in it or upon its cover, is charged as an unpaid or insufficiently paid letter.

No packet of newspapers may be above 5 lbs. in weight, nor above two feet in length, one foot in width, nor one in depth.

A book-packet may contain any number of separate books or other publications (including printed or lithographed letters, photographs (when not on glass or in cases containing glass or any like substance), drawings, prints, or maps, and any quantity of paper, or any other substance in ordinary use for writing or printing upon; and the books or other publications, prints, maps, &c., may be either printed, written, engraved, lithographed, or plain, or any mixture of these. Further, all legitimate binding, mounting, or covering of a book, &c., or of a portion thereof, is allowed, whether such binding, &c. be loose or attached; as also rollers in the case of prints or maps, markers (whether of paper or otherwise) in the case of books, pens or pencils in the case of pocket-books, &c., and, in short, whatever is necessary for the safe transmission of such articles, or usually appertains thereto; but the binding, rollers, &c. must not be sent as a separate packet.

Circulars, i.e., letters which are intended for transmission in identical terms to several persons, and the whole or the greater part of which is printed, engraved, or lithographed, may also be sent by book post.

A book-packet may not contain any letter, or communication of the nature of a letter (whether separate or otherwise), unless it be a circular-letter or be wholly printed; nor any enclosure sealed or in any way closed against inspection; nor any other enclosure not allowed by Rule 5. If this rule be infringed, the entire packet is charged as a letter.

A book-packet may be posted either without a cover (in which case it must not be fastened, whether by means of gum, wafer, sealing wax, postage stamp, or otherwise), or in a cover entirely open at both ends, so as to admit of the contents being easily withdrawn for examination; otherwise it is treated as a letter. For the greater security of the contents, however, Postmasters being authorised to cut the string in such cases, although if they do so they must again tie up the packet.

No book-packet may be above 5 lbs. in weight, nor above 24 inches in length, 12 inches in width, or 12 inches in depth, unless it be sent to or from one of the Government offices.

When, owing to a great and unusual influx of letters, books, &c., the transmission or delivery of the letters would be delayed if the whole mail were dealt with without distinction, book-packets may be kept back till the next despatch or delivery.

The limit of size for a book-packet addressed to any place abroad is 34 inches in length and 12 inches in width or depth.

Exceptions.—No packet for Algeria, Azores, Cape de Verde Islands, France, Madeira, or Portugal, or for Egypt, Syria, or Turkey, when sent by French Packet, must be above 18 inches in length, width, or depth.

Patterns.

They must not be of intrinsic value. This rule excludes all articles of a saleable nature, and indeed whatever may have a value of its own, apart from its mere use as a pattern; and the quantity of any material sent ostensibly as a pattern must not be so great that it can fairly be considered as having on this ground an intrinsic value.

Pattern and Sample Post to colonies and foreign countries is restricted to bona fide trade patterns or samples of merchandise.

Goods sent for sale, or in execution of an order (however small the quantity may be), or any articles sent by one private individual to another, which are not actual patterns or samples, are not admissible.

Patterns or samples, when practicable, must be sent in covers open at the ends, and in such a manner as to be easily examined. But samples of seeds, drugs, and such like articles, which cannot be sent in covers of this kind, but such articles only, may be posted enclosed in boxes, or bags of linen, of other material, fastened in such a manner that they may be readily opened; or, in the case of seeds, &c., for the United States of America, Holland, and its possessions, Belgium, Denmark, Greece, Portugal, and its possessions, Switzerland, &c., bags entirely closed, provided such closed bags are transparent, so as to enable the Officers of the Post Office readily to satisfy themselves as to the nature of the contents.

There must be no writing or printing upon or in any packet except the address of the person for whom it is intended, the address of the sender, a trade mark or number, and the price of the articles.

Samples of intrinsic value must not be sent to any foreign country except United States; and in the case of France samples of either down, raw or thread silk, woolen or goat's hair thread, vanilla, saffron, carmine, or indigo, are considered to fall under this rule if they weigh more than three ounces; and up to this weight raw and spun silk, as well as coloured and twisted silk, may be sent to Germany.

The rule which forbids the transmission through the Post of any article likely to injure the contents of the Mail Bags or Boxes, or the person of any Officer of the Post Office, is, of course, applicable to the Pattern Post; and a packet containing anything of the kind will be stopped, and not sent to its destination. Articles such as the following have been occasionally posted as Patterns, and have been detained as unfit for the Post, viz.: Metal boxes, porcelain and China, fruit, vegetables, bunches of flowers, cuttings of plants, spurs, knives, scissors, needles, pins, pieces of machinery, sharp pointed instruments, samples of metals, samples of ore, samples in glass bottles, pieces of glass, acids of various kinds, curry combs, copper and steel engraving plates, and confectionery of all kinds.

Such articles as scissors, knives, razors, steel pens, nails, keys, watch machinery, metal tubing, pieces of metal or ore, provided that they be packed and guarded in so secure a manner as to afford complete protection to the contents of the mail bags and to the Officers of the Post Office, while at the same time they may be easily examined, may be sent as samples to the following countries, but to these alone; viz., the Azores, Belgium, Cape de Verde Islands, Denmark, Egypt, Germany, Holland, Madeira, Moldavia, Norway, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United States, Wallachia, and the British Colonies. Indigo cannot be sent to any place abroad.

A packet of patterns or samples sent to the Azores, Cape de Verde Islands, France, Madeira, Portugal, or by French Packet, to Turkey, Syria, or Egypt, must not exceed 18 inches in length, width, or depth; a packet to any other place abroad must not exceed 24 inches in length or 12 inches in width or depth.

To provide the greatest possible facilities for posting Correspondence for Europe, &c., up to the latest moment before the departure of the French Packets, arrangements have been made for receiving at the Post Office late letters—except those to and through Australia—from 11.10 A.M. to 11.30 A.M. Each letter must bear a late fee of 18 cents extra postage.

The above arrangement is intended to meet occasional emergencies, and not for the regular posting of extensive correspondence. Should it be found, therefore, that large and unmanageable numbers of letters are habitually thrown upon the Department at the last moment, a heavier late fee will be imposed.

A similar supplementary Mail will be made up for Shanghai by the English and French Contract Steamers, the late letters being received from 10 minutes after, up to half an hour after the time of closing. The late fee will also be 18 cents.

REVISED TARIFF OF CHARGES ON CORRESPONDENCE FORWARDED BY THE ABOVE PACKET TO CANADA, THE WEST INDIES, SOUTH AMERICA, &c.

Letters, &c., can be posted for Canada, the West Indies, and other places named below, if sufficient American Stamps are added to prepay them from San Francisco to destination. American Stamps are sold at this Office.

The charge for Registry is 8 cents in Hongkong Stamps, and 10 cents in U.S. Stamps to those places only the names of which are printed in Italics. To all the other places named correspondence cannot be Registered through, but only to San Francisco (8 cents).

The following are the charges on Correspondence thus sent:—

Letters, per half ounce, Hongkong U.S. cents. 18

Canada, British Columbia, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward's Island, Vancouver's Island, Bahamas, Nassau, New Providence,..... 12

Applha, Betmdia, Cuba, Fiji, Greenland, Jamaica, Panama,..... 12

Hawaii, Newfoundland,..... 12

Guatemala, Maraguas, Te., Mexico, Salvador, Tahiti,..... 12

Belize, Bogota, Cartagena, Costa Rica, Curacao, Greytown, Guana, Honduras, Martinique, New Granada, Nicaragua, Santa Martha, Turk's Island, Venezuela, West Indies,..... 12

Holyhi, Chile, Ecuador, Peru,..... 12

Brasilia, Confederation, Buenos Ayres, Paraguay, Uruguay,..... 12

Circulars &c., for Canada, per 1 oz.,..... 2

Newspapers for all other places (not over 4 oz.) each Paper,..... 2

Books, &c., for all other places, per 4 oz.,..... 8

Any articles found enclosed in Newspapers or Book Packets (as silk-stuffs, jewellery, &c.) will be detained and sold.

Arrangements have been made to sell American Stamps at this Office, for the

convenience of those who may wish to post by the Pacific Route to Canada, the West Indies, &c., other places named below.

For the present no large quantities of these Stamps can be supplied, nor is it undertaken that every denomination can be kept in hand.

Miscellaneous Notices.

Unpaid Letters are not received for the Indian Mail Packets.

The Postmaster of correspondence for the Straits, India, Ceylon, and Aden is compulsory by whatever opportunity it is forwarded.

Registration to Bangkok.

For Britannia Majesty's Consul General for Siam has been good enough to make arrangements by means of which correspondence can be Registered to Bangkok, at the usual charge of 8 cents.

Soldiers and Sailors' Letters.

Privates in H. M. Army or Navy, Non-commissioned Officers, Army Schoolmasters (not superintending or First Class) or Schoolmistresses may send half-ounce letters to the United Kingdom via Marseilles by French Packet, or via Southampton by British Packet, for one penny, or via Brindisi by British Packet, for three pence. Hongkong stamps will prepay this class of correspondence exactly the same as Imperial Stamps.

Soldiers and Sailors' letters are, however, charged as ordinary letters if they do not conform to the following regulations:—

1. Not to exceed half an ounce. No double letters are allowed.

2. If from a Soldier or Sailor, his class or description must be stated in full on the letter, and the commanding Officer must sign his name, with name of Regiment, or Ship, &c., in full.

3. If to a Soldier or Sailor, his class or description must be stated in full, with name of Regiment, or Ship, &c., in full.

* But not Warrant Officers, viz., Assistant Engineer, Gunner, Boatswain, or Carpenter.

Communication with Batavia.

The Netherlands India Packets leave Singapore fortnightly, and are fitted to the arrival of the outward P. & O. Mail from Europe.

The French Packets for Batavia wait at Singapore for the Packet from China and run fortnightly.

It follows that, to forward Correspondence to Batavia with the least delay, the following are the best opportunities:—

In the S.W. Monsoon.
The English Mail.
The French Mail.

In the N.E. Monsoon.
A Private Steamer a few days before the English Mail.
The French Mail.

The Post Office is not, by law, responsible for any loss or inconvenience which may arise from the non-delivery, mis-delivery, or mis-direction of any letter, book, or other postal packet (even if the packet be registered); nor is the Post Office responsible for any injury which a packet may sustain during its transmission.

To guard against such injury all postal packets which are likely to suffer from stamping or from great pressure should be placed in strong covers; and even with this precaution no fragile article should be sent through the Post. It should be remembered that every packet has to be handled several times; that it is exposed to considerable pressure and friction in the mail bag; and that, whenever the bag has in the course of its transmission to be transferred by means of the railway apparatus, the risk of injury is much increased.

No information can be given respecting letters which pass through a Post Office except to the persons to whom they are addressed; and in no other way is official information of a private character allowed to be made public. A Postmaster may, however, give an address if he has no reason to believe that the person whose address it is would disapprove of his doing so.

Postmasters are not allowed to return any letter or other packet to the writer or sender, or to any one else, or to delay forwarding it to its destination according to the address, even though a request to such effect be written thereon.

Postmasters are not bound to give change, nor are they authorised to demand change; and when money is paid at a Post Office, whether as change or otherwise, no question as to its right amount, goodness, or weight can be entertained after it has been removed from the counter.

Postmasters are not bound to weigh any letters or other packets for the public, but they may do so if their duty be not thereby impeded.

The practice of sealing letters passing to and from the East and West Indies, and other countries with hot climates, with wax (except such as is specially prepared), is attended with much inconvenience, and frequently with serious injury, not only to the letters so sealed, but to the other letters in the mail, from the melting of the wax and adhesion of the letters to each other. The public are therefore recommended, in all such cases, to use either wafers or gum, and to advise their correspondents in the countries referred to, to do the same.

The registration of a packet makes its transmission much more secure, inasmuch as, under ordinary circumstances, a registered packet can be traced through its whole course; and thus the loss of a registered packet is a very rare occurrence. Nevertheless large sums of money or other articles of great value should not be sent through the post, even if the packet be registered; as the machinery of the Department is not arranged with a view to such transmission. By law, the Post Office is not responsible for the safe delivery of registered packets; though any officer who may neglect his duty on this point will be called to strict account. Sent in unregistered letters, valuable articles are exposed to risk, and offer a temptation which ought not to be created; and the Department cannot in any way undertake the safe conveyance of such packets. All inland or colonial letters, therefore, which contain coin, and all inland letters which contain watches or jewellery, even though they be posted without registration, are treated as registered, and charged on delivery with a double registration fee of eightpence in addition to the ordinary postage; and any such letters which cannot be registered in time to be forwarded by the Mail for which they are posted are detained for the next despatch. Even if the letter be not contain any article

of intrinsic value, it should, if it be very important, be registered.

Most countries to which Hongkong forwards Correspondence having joined the General Postal Union or being probably about to do so, it is necessary that the following rules be strictly observed.

1. No Letter or Packet, whether to be registered or unregistered, can be received for Postage if it contains gold or silver money, jewels, precious articles, or anything that, as a general rule, is liable to Customs duties.

2. This Regulation prohibits the sending of Patterns of dutiable articles, unless the quantity sent be so small as to make the sample of no value.

3. The limits of weight allowed are as follows:—

Books and Papers—to British Offices, 5 lbs.; to the Continent, &c., 2 lbs.

Patterns—to British Offices, 5 lbs. if without intrinsic value; to the Continent, &c., 8 oz.

4. The following articles cannot be sent by Post at all: Glass, Liquids, Gunpowder, Matches, Candles, Soap, Indigo, Dye-stuffs, or whatever is dangerous to the Mails, or offensive or injurious to persons dealing with them.

PARCELS.—The public is reminded that, in China and Japan, there is no such thing as Parcel Post. Much trouble and disappointment is caused by persistent attempts to send small valuable trifles through the Post. Fans, Curios, Articles of Dress, Fancy Work, and similar presents are continually being refused in Postage, than would have paid the freight by steamer. No refund can be made on such parcels of the value of Stamps obliterated before the nature of the contents was discovered.

PATENT.—Some difficulty is experienced in obtaining a general understanding of what is a Patent. It is a bond fide sample of goods which the sender has for sale, or of goods which he wishes to order. It is of the smallest of the smallest possible quantity compatible with showing what the goods are, and must have no intrinsic value.

To provide means of remitting small sums of money to or from this Colony and between the Ports of China and Japan, the Postmasters and Agents of this Office will in future be allowed (but not required) to purchase Hongkong Postage Stamps from foreign residents.

Between Hongkong and Shanghai, or Hongkong and Yokohama, however, in either direction, Money-Orders must be used.

The Stamps tendered for sale must not exceed \$25 in value, must be perfectly clean, in good condition, and in strips of at least two, as no separate Stamps will be purchased. They must be presented personally or accompanied by a note.

The Postmaster or Agent may postpone purchasing if his public funds to purchase not sufficient, and he will refuse to purchase in any case which appears doubtful or suspicious. He is allowed to charge a Commission of one per cent on all Stamps purchased.

Letters containing Stamps should be Registered, and the Stamps should be secured from observation.

During the N.E. Monsoon, the Chartered Agents of sailing ships for Manila, Saigon, Bangkok and Singapore are requested to give notice to this Office of the departures of such ships.

No correspondence will be forwarded by sailing vessel but such as is specially so directed.

Correspondence for New Zealand may be forwarded via Torres Straits when specially directed for that route, otherwise it will be sent by way of Gallie.

Money Order Regulations.

1.—Money Orders on the United Kingdom are issued at Hongkong, Shanghai and Yokohama. Shanghai and Yokohama also issue on Hongkong and vice versa.

2.—Small sums may be remitted between the other Ports by means of Postage Stamps.

3.—Many Money Orders are supplied to residents at the smaller Ports in this way. An application for an order is filled up, and is enclosed with a stamped, directed, and unsealed envelope to the Postmaster at the nearest issuing office. The application must be accompanied with the full amount (including commission) in cheque, postage stamps, or other equivalent of cash, and a little margin should be left for variations of exchange.

The Postmaster issues the order, sends it on in the envelope, and returns the change, if any, by first opportunity, with a receipt for the letter, if it were to be registered, as it always should be. Care should be taken to send these applications in time, as the Money Order Offices close some hours before the departure of the mails.

4.—No order must exceed £10, or include any fraction of a penny. Orders will be drawn at the current rate of the day and paid at the rate of the day when the advice arrived.

The commission is as follows:—

Orders on the United Kingdom.
Up to £2..... 18 cents.
" £2..... 39 "

" £7..... 74 "

" £10..... 74 "

Local Money Orders.
Up to £25..... 18 cents.
" £25..... 30 "

5.—List of Money Order Offices in the United Kingdom may be consulted at Hongkong, Shanghai, and Yokohama.

6.—Names must be given in full (except

Chilles, Dried, . . . catty	100
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Mixed,	70
Red	160

Indian Corn,	each	20
Curry Stuff, English,	catty	40
Egg Plant,	"	30

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| Garlic, (bulb) dried, . . . | 40 |
| Ginger, . . . | 30 |
| Greens, White . . . | 10 |
| " Winter course . . . | 20 |

"Horse Radish," S'hal, ..	300
Lettuce, Chinese, ..	30
" English, . . . head	10
Mint, . . . bunch	15
Mushroom, dried, . . . catty	750
Onions, Bombay, . . . "	60
" Green, . . . "	30
Paraley, Chinese, . . . "	80
" English, . . . bunch	10
Potatoes, Macao, . . . catty	30
" Californian, . . . "	80
" Sweet, . . . "	12
Pumpkins, . . . "	20
Radishes, . . . doz.	30
S. allions, . . . catty	25
Shalots, . . . "	35
Sesamum, . . . "	120
Spinach, . . . "	30
" Common, . . . "	25
Squash, bottle, . . . "	20
Taro (U Tau), . . . "	20
Tomatoes, . . . "	80
" Chinese, . . . catty	15
Vegetable Marrow, . . . "	20
Water Lily Roots, . . . "	60
Water Cress, . . . bunch	20
Yams, . . . catty	20
Fruits.	
Aleurites, . . . catty	60
Apples, Rose, . . . "	100
" Californian, . . . "	250
Bananas, fragrant Funtl, . . . "	30
Chestnuts, old, . . . "	120
Cocoanuts, . . . each	60
" . . . lb.	200
Dates, . . . bottle	800
Figs, Dried, . . . "	500
Ground Nuts, . . . catty	40
Lemons, . . . "	150
" Green, . . . "	100
Lichees, Dried, . . . "	200
" Green, . . . "	50
Loong Ngan, Dried, . . . "	500
Mangoes, Manila, . . . each	120
" Anam, . . . "	60
" Canton, green, catty	70
Mangostean, . . . each	20
Musk Melons, . . . "	40
Olives, green, Funtl, . . . catty	60
Oranges, (Oocle) Chang, . . . "	120
" (Mand.) oocle, . . . "	200
Papaw, . . . "	150
Peaches, Sweet, . . . "	100
Pears, Nanking, . . . "	140
" Funtl, . . . "	50
Pine-apples, Funtl, . . . each	60
Plantains, common . . . catty	30
" fragrant . . . "	40
Plums, Dark-red, . . . "	50
" Yellow, . . . "	40
" Green, . . . "	40
Prunes, Dried, . . . bottle	300
Pumelos or Shaddock, Canton, ea.	100
Raisins, Muscatel, . . . bottles	750
" . . . lb.	200
Salt-burg Seeds Pak-ko, catty	70

Sugar Cane,	.	.	stack	50
Tamarinds,	.	.	catty	60

Walnuts,	110	1
Water Chestnuts, Canton,	60	
Miscellaneous.		
Allspice, Chinese, bottles	200	
" English,	760	5
Bazley, picul	1600	15
Bran, picul	1500	14
Butter, lb.	600	85
Candied Orange Peel, bottle	750	70
" Lemon, "	750	70
Capers,	250	23
Charcoal, picul	1080	100
Cheese, American, lb.	400	38

Cinnamon,	1	catty	300	20
Cltron,	1	"	160	15
Clover,	1	"	700	50

Cocanut Oil,	bottle	180	15
Coffee,	lb.	220	20
Curry Powdaz,	bottle	500	25
Firewood,	plum	400	35
Flour,	catty	40	8
Gram,	plum	3000	275
Glass,az,	pkgs.	750	5
Lamp Oil,	catty	90	5
Macaroni,	box	125	100
Mace,	catty	750	50
Mango Chutney,	bottle	500	30
Mustard,	"	180	15

Nutmegs,	each	10	
Olives,	bottle	250	200
Paid			

Peppery,	piom	1600	1800
Pearl Barley,	bottle	220	180
Peppery (whole)	catty	270	220
" (ground)	bottle	280	200
Pokien,	"	200	160
Pole,	catty	40	30
"	"	100	80
Pine Oil,	"	280	180

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